

The PRISM



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The Antibiotic Tongue

The September, 1995 issue of National Geographic tells of a special trait that the human tongue has to heal itself and other parts of the body. Apparently, there is a natural antibiotic in our tongues called ‘lingual antimicrobial peptide.’ We are constantly taking in all sorts of potentially harmful micro-organisms, viruses, and other things into our mouths. However, God has made us so that our bodies can ward off these harmful organisms before they ever take root in our bodies.

Our tongues can be antibiotic in another way as well. *James 3:6* says, “*the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.*” But, the Bible also says that we can use our tongues to speak those things which are “*good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers*” (*Ephesians 4:29*). The difference is not in the tongue itself, but in how we use it. God designed our tongues to be “healers” not destroyers.

How we use our tongues depends upon our hearts. A gun can be used for hunting food, or for murder. The internet can be used to share and gain valuable information, or as a means of satisfying worldly lust and desire. Most anything can be used for either good or evil depending upon the intent of the person using it. Jesus said, “*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things*” (*Matthew 12:35*).

Our tongues can be used to share the gospel, or to teach false doctrines.

Our tongues can be used to express our hateful anger, or to quiet someone else’s.

Our tongues can be used to lie about someone else, or to tell the truth about ourselves.

Our tongues can be used to start rumors, or to quiet rumors that others have started.

Our tongues can be used to hurt other people, or to heal the hurt that others have caused.

It all depends upon what is in our hearts. Do you use your tongue to heal hurts or to cause them? Is your heart what it should be before God? Get your heart right, and your tongue will be MUCH easier to control. God designed your tongue to HEAL not to HARM. Are you using it as God intended?

James C. Guy
Canal Heights church of Christ
Demopolis, Alabama



Prayer Requests

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the lost in our families and community.

For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For **Tim and Jennifer** in the adoption process and the health of baby **Zoe**.

Chris Holbrook (husband to Brandy Gampp's coworker) is suffering with thyroid cancer. There are postoperative complications. Chris has a wife and 2 young children.

Bill Collins (father to Lee and Nathan Collins) has received word that the spots on his lung are benign.

Mark Lewis (49 years of age, Christian) dying with Huntington's Disease. His mother, Jonnie Fields (Houston, TX) is here to see him through.

Janie Jennings had to spend one night in the hospital to be checked for chest pain. Heart is ok.

Jim Havens (Dick's brother in White Rock, NM) had a heart catheterization this week and may have to go on dialysis soon. Dick and Rosie are going to NM to be with him.

Chris Blume remains in the OSU hospital with serious complications from Crohn's Disease.

June Pierce (mother of Terry Young's coworker) is being tested for a blockage.

Sam Miller is headed back from Germany some time this weekend.

Bev Smith (friend of the Ruggles family) is having problems adjusting to her meds.

Walter Tate, an 11 year-old boy and relative of a co-worker of Eric Copas, was injured in an auto accident recently and remains hospitalized in critical condition.

Wedding Invitation

The congregation is invited to attend the wedding of Megan Kurtzman and Mark Coriell on Saturday, July 30th at 2:30 p.m. The wedding will be held at Lehner's Country Gatherings, 2866 S.R. 203 in Radnor, Ohio.

Yarn Needed

Touching Little Lives is a non-profit organization that provides clothing and other necessities for needy newborns and premature infants in Ohio. They recently contacted us to request hand-crocheted afghans. There are women in our church willing and able to make these afghans if some of us can donate the baby yarn. It takes approximately 2 1/2 to 4 skeins, depending on the thickness of the yarn. Contact Mary Collins or Sharon Rogers for more information.

In the News

Aaron Oesch was selected as camper of the week last week at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Congratulations, Aaron.

Help Wanted

Someone to look after the baptismal garments. This involves keeping them in order, washed up and ready for a baptism at any time. The person who does this job needs to be regular in attendance at our Bible classes and worship services. Anyone interested, see Steve Miller.

Bible Study Text

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	
7/24	Acts 15:36-16:40	7/27	Exodus 14-15
7/31	Acts 17:1-18:22	8/3	Exodus 16-18
8/7	Acts 18:23-20:2	8/10	Exodus 19-20
8/14	Acts 20:3-38	8/17	Exodus 21-22
			Leviticus 24:10-16
			Numbers 18-19
8/21	Acts 21-22	8/24	Exo. 24-27, 28-31

Adoption Update Letter

Dear Family and friends,

As many of you know, we're in the process of adopting from China. We've been so grateful for your support and encouragement.

Many of you have inquired about the progress we have made, and so we're sending out this update. There are three major steps in the initial adoption process, which are interrelated: 1.) file an application with the USCIS to bring a foreign adopted child into the U.S., 2.) complete the home study in which a qualified social service agency examine us as a family to determine our worthiness to adopt, and 3.) gather, prepare, notarize, certify, and authenticate a small mountain of documents.

At this point (July 2005), we have completed the home study and filed an application with the USCIS. We are still in the middle of working on the mountain of paperwork. Once all of this is finished, it will all be translated into Chinese and sent to China. At that point, we wait for at least 6 months before getting a picture of the baby we are adopting along with a small amount of information about her. This is called a referral. Once we receive the referral, we travel to China anywhere from 4 to 8 weeks later. When we receive the referral, we will share the excitement with you. Tim and I have a website for keeping friends and family up to date on what is happening, step by step, in the adoption process. If this is something you would like to take part in, please give your e-mail address to us and we will send you an invitation to join the website.

This has been, and will continue to be, a demanding and rewarding process. We are still in great need of financial assistance since the cost of this adoption is \$20,000 and we still need \$13,000! As you can see by this amount, it's not easy to raise this kind of money very quickly without the help of everyone we know. We see this as an amazing opportunity for everyone to work in the life of a child who would otherwise have to stay in an orphanage without a family. Maybe you have always had a heart for orphans but felt that you couldn't because of your age or maybe you felt you didn't have the funds and support to raise a child. Well, this is a wonderful opportunity for someone like you because you can help us do what you've always wanted to do. There's no better feeling than knowing your money is being well spent in the life of another.

If you require more information about the adoption of children from China, please go to www.awaa.org on the Internet. Also, if you want specific information about the adoption of our daughter, please consider joining our Yahoo! Group website.

Tim and Jennifer Gampp

Bai Jia Bei

To welcome and celebrate a new life, there is a tradition in some parts of Northern China, to make a ‘**Bai Jia Bei**’ or “100 Good Wishes Quilt.” When a baby was born, family and friends would donate the child’s mother fabric scraps from old clothing with a wish for the baby. She would make a quilt for the child from the scraps. It is said that the luck, energy, and good wishes from all of the families and friends who contributed the fabric surrounds the child when it is wrapped in the quilt. The quilt is then passed down from generation to generation.

There are so many good reason to make this quilt for our Zoe, tradition being one of them. We are hoping to find many ways to keep Zoe connected to Chinese culture without conflicting with God’s way of doing things. Another great reason is that our daughter will someday be able to see how much she was wanted and thought about even before she came into our family.

I am hoping you will be able to participate in my goal to make a Bai Jia Bei. If possible, please send me a piece of fabric, at least 7” x 7” along with your good wish written on a piece of paper with your name on it. Most quilts are made of 100% cotton fabrics; however flannel, decorator fabrics (tightly woven), silks, or pieces of old clothes are all good choices. Fabrics that stretch, such as T-shirt cottons, are very difficult to work with and I ask that you avoid these. I am hoping you will be able to find a piece of fabric in your craft supplies, old decorating projects, or among old clothes you no longer wear. Please do not go to a lot of trouble. If you do not have a piece of fabric suitable, just send your good wishes.

Collecting 100 squares may be a challenge. If everyone would like to contribute, that will help my effort. Just do not forget to add your good wishes for each square. The good wishes will be incorporated either into the quilt or into our adoption memory book. I will happily share a picture of the quilt on our adoption website once it’s finished.

Here is our mailing address:

**Tim and Jennifer Gampp
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LOOKING AHEAD



Events at Sunshine

7/30-31 Father-Son Camp Out

Other Area Events

Details are posted on the bulletin board.

- 8/6 Ladies Day - Circleville)
- 9/2-9/4 Summit - Columbus
- 10/7-9 Rager Rd CofC - Columbus

Sunday PM Services

We are covering Revelation 10 and 11 this evening. Next Sunday evening we will be looking at some pictures from Haiti.

Teen Devo

Mike and Sharon Gampp's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

Father-Son Camp Out

Saturday, July 30 and Sunday morning, July 31, fathers and sons are invited to be part of a camp out at Ken Rase's Farm. For details see Dewey Cordle or Rich Book. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for this event.

VBS Evaluation Meeting

This morning after morning services, all you VBS workers, please come to the annex and meet with Steve Miller for about 15 minutes to evaluate this year's VBS and to start getting ready for next year's VBS.

Baby Party

There will be a party to celebrate the new baby girls being added to the family (Kendra Cram & Kimmy McCray) on Friday July 29th at 6 pm at Karren Griffith's home. See Kristi or Karren for questions. Everyone is invited to attend!

Thank You



Scott and Candi wish to thank everyone for sending Becca home with such warm expressions of love. She was overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness. Becca arrived safely at home in Brazil Saturday morning,

Prayer for New Brothers and Sisters

Since January of this year we have seen several added to the kingdom. I am listing their names here so that you can make a special effort to pray for them as they start their journey with the Lord.

Sagan Gampp

Cheryl Sims

Derek Snyder

Abraham Myers

Matthew Gampp

Phillip Stultz

Haley Ruggles

David Rice

Derek Marion

Sabrina Shafer

Becca Nogueira

Ronnie Schnebelt

Donivan Kaye

Robert Eblin

Elizabeth Myers

Curtis McCormick

Also, keep praying for the people *"in the box."*

Three Minute Rule

Do you remember what the 3 Minute Rule is? We have had many new faces in our crowd lately at all of our services. Please make it a point to observe the 3 Minute Rule.



Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Bible Class Text
Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper - Server 6
Server 5
Server 4
Wine
Bread
Server 3
Server 2
Server 1
Message
Closing Prayer

July 24

Acts 15:36 - 16:40
Wayne Gamp
Ralph Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Gary Glispie
Al Graff
Kevin Stimpert
Price Gammon
Dewey Cordle
Mark Risner
Matt Cram
Ira Coriell
Jerry Gamp
Jamie Riley
Shawn Gragg

July 31

Acts 17:1 - 18:22
Tom Kelley
Taylor Hoskins
Al Graff
Jamie Riley
John Berry
Lane Raiser
Eric McLaughlin
Terry Sullivan
Shaun McCray
Kevin Stimpert
Ike Hardin
Troy Gahm
Steve Miller
Josh Coriell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader
Opening Prayer
Lord's Supper
Closing Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Jon Coriell
Jacob Miller
Don Coriell

Mark Gamp
Wayne Gamp
Matt Hoskins
Aaron Franke

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Bud Coriell
Mike Coriell
Exodus 14-15

Zach Coriell
Tim Gamp
Exodus 16 - 18

Scheduled Services

Sunday

Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Eve.Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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